

1 August 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Panama INTERNET

1. I received a call this morning from [] who wanted to inform us that he has talked to the U.S. Army Colonel who is on the treaty affairs commission about our INTERNET frequency request. The Colonel said that we, FBIS, are not in violation of the treaty by starting construction of the INTERNET terminal. He said that he had made informal inquiries and suspects that the reason we are getting such a hard time from the Panamanian Government is that the Panamanians had requested from the U.S. Army some frequencies that are under control of the Army. The Army has denied this request and they, the Panamanians, are miffed. They, therefore, are dragging their feet on the FBIS request. Doug said that the Colonel was pursuing the matter but did request that we slip the antenna erection one week, from 5 August as planned until 12 August. I told Doug that I would get back to him ASAP, as I would have to check with Harry and COMSAT about calling off the antenna riggers.

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2. Harry gave his approval on the one week slip and I called Helmo Raag, COMSAT, and requested that his subcontractor, VERTEX, slip the installation one week. I further informed Helmo that this was an excusable delay on the antenna installation but that it, in no way, should affect the final completion date as agreed upon by COMSAT and FBIS. If the overall installation is delayed for other reasons, these would have to be assessed on a case by case basis. Helmo agreed.

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